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BYSIEWICZ: MORE THAN 100,000 NEW VOTERS REGISTER FOR 2008 ELECTIONS

YOUNG PEOPLE, DEMOCRATS LARGEST GROUP TO LEAD VOTER REGISTRATION SURGE

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz reports today that since January 1, 2008, more than 100,000 Connecticut residents have become newly registered voters. This total includes nearly 39,000 people who have registered since May 6th, an even higher total than the 90 day period immediately following the February 5th Presidential primary in Connecticut when 34,000 residents registered to vote. Young people (18-29 years-old) continue to be the driving force behind the latest registration surge; nearly 18,000 18-29 year-olds have registered since May 6th – the single largest group of new voters to register in this period. The latest numbers nearly match the period leading up to the February 5th primary when an incredible 40,000 Connecticut residents registered to vote.

“The 2008 elections are generating unprecedented interest in the political process, especially among our young voters,” said Secretary Bysiewicz, “This latest surge in voter registration keeps Connecticut on pace for a record 90% voter turnout in November.”

Currently, there are 1,923,848 registered voters in Connecticut. Among newly registered voters nearly 16,000 Democrats and 4,300 Republicans registered to vote. Additionally, 18,000 unaffiliated voters registered. Of the nearly 38,000 newly registered voters, more than 17,810 are between the ages of 18 and 29. Since May 6th, among newly registered younger voters, Democratic registration has outpaced Republican registration: 7,327 to 1,687. In fact, Democrats are the largest number of new voters to register in 2008. Since January 1st, more than 47,000 new voters have registered as Democrats, compared to 14,000 new Republicans and 38,000 residents registering as unaffiliated voters.

“To have registration for one political party outpace that of unaffiliated voters is unprecedented in Connecticut,” said Bysiewicz, “in this time of economic insecurity, war, and environmental peril, it is very clear that voters are engaged, they are paying close attention to the issues and the candidates. People want to make their voices heard, they are eager to participate in Democracy and they want a say in the future direction of this country.”

The Office of the Secretary of the State maintains an aggressive voter registration program working closely with community groups, high schools, universities and others to expand civic involvement among Connecticut residents. As part of her effort to increase voter registration in Connecticut, Secretary Bysiewicz this past year registered nearly 2,400 high school students. She has also conducted more than 200 voting machine demonstrations highlighting the new machines and registering voters. The Office of the Secretary of the State regularly registers new citizens to vote at naturalization ceremonies across Connecticut. Secretary Bysiewicz has also launched a statewide, non-partisan effort to register 10,000 new Latino voters which has so far added more than 2,200 Latinos to the voter rolls. The deadline to register to vote for the November 4th General Election is October 28th.

TOTAL 18 TO 29 YEAR-OLD REGISTRATION BY PARTY MAY 6th – JULY 25th

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	3
Democratic	7,327
Green	27
Independence	27
Independent	41
Libertarian	20
Republican	1,687
Unaffiliated	8,676
Working Families	2
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TOTAL	17,810

CONNECTICUT VOTER REGISTRATION BY PARTY

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
A Better Future	3
A Connecticut Party	51
A Sentinel Party	35
Concerned Citizens	265
Connecticut For Lieberman	47
Democratic	707,885

Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	20
Green	1772
Independence	1027
Independence For Montville	11
Independent	1828
Libertarian	821
Norwich for Change	1
Orange Taxpayers	8
Pro-Bethel	5
Reform	86
Republican	408,376
Swing	2
Unaffiliated	801,002
Waterford Independent	1
Winsted Independent	42
Working Families	14
Working Families Party	1
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Total Active Voters	1,923,848

**CONNECTICUT VOTER REGISTRATION BY PARTY
5/6/08 THRU 7/25/08**

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	7
Democratic	15,699
Green	44
Independence	53
Independent	74
Libertarian	32
Reform	1
Republican	4,305
Unaffiliated	17,785
Working Families	3
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TOTAL	38,546

**CONNECTICUT VOTER REGISTRATION BY PARTY
SINCE 1/1/2008**

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	26
Democratic	47,468
Friends Of Saybrook	1

Green	112
Independence	150
Independent	193
Libertarian	69
Reform	2
Republican	14,112
Unaffiliated	38,458
Working Families	3
Working Families Party	1
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TOTAL New Voters Since 1/1/08	101,138

TOTAL 30 TO 45 YEAR-OLD REGISTRATION BY PARTY
5/6/08 to 7/25/08

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	1
Democratic	3,768
Green	13
Independence	7
Independent	19
Libertarian	7
Republican	1,080
Unaffiliated	3,860
Working Families	1
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TOTAL	8,756

TOTAL 46 TO 65 YEAR-OLD REGISTRATION BY PARTY
5/6/08 to 7/25/08

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Count</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	3
Democratic	2,917
Green	4
Independence	13
Independent	4
Libertarian	2
Reform	1
Republican	889
Unaffiliated	2,917
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TOTAL	6,750

TOTAL 66 YEAR-OLD AND HIGHER REGISTRATION BY PARTY
5/6/08 TO 7/25/08

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
Democratic	830
Independence	3
Independent	7
Republican	395
Unaffiliated	1,011
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TOTAL	2,246

VOTERS REGISTERED 5/6/08 THRU 7/25/08

<u>Town</u>	<u>Count</u>
Andover	32
Ansonia	151
Ashford	29
Avon	283
Barkhamsted	27
Beacon Falls	71
Berlin	205
Bethany	58
Bethel	194
Bethlehem	46
Bloomfield	227
Bolton	50
Bozrah	17
Branford	253
Bridgeport	3,694
Bridgewater	10
Bristol	427
Brookfield	150
Brooklyn	72
Burlington	100
Canaan	11
Canterbury	23
Canton	125
Chaplin	16
Cheshire	247
Chester	45
Clinton	110

Colchester	106
Colebrook	10
Columbia	42
Cornwall	16
Coventry	147
Cromwell	221
Danbury	468
Darien	217
Deep River	33
Derby	89
Durham	46
East Granby	108
East Haddam	71
East Hampton	174
East Hartford	600
East Haven	172
East Lyme	235
East Windsor	526
Eastford	13
Easton	90
Ellington	117
Enfield	276
Essex	71
Fairfield	596
Farmington	247
Franklin	10
Glastonbury	473
Goshen	55
Granby	77
Greenwich	587
Griswold	146
Groton	344
Guilford	208
Haddam	64
Hamden	656
Hampton	12
Hartford	1,587
Hartland	17
Harwinton	51
Hebron	88
Kent	26
Killingly	105
Killingworth	59
Lebanon	59
Ledyard	131
Lisbon	43
Litchfield	59
Lyme	18

Madison	232
Manchester	607
Mansfield	123
Marlborough	52
Meriden	498
Middlebury	103
Middlefield	27
Middletown	439
Milford	487
Monroe	199
Montville	151
Morris	24
Naugatuck	272
New Britain	677
New Canaan	246
New Fairfield	87
New Hartford	34
New Haven	1,710
New London	260
New Milford	189
Newington	304
Newtown	162
Norfolk	7
North Branford	148
North Canaan	6
North Haven	239
North Stonington	45
Norwalk	1,089
Norwich	315
Old Lyme	73
Old Saybrook	76
Orange	116
Oxford	92
Plainfield	77
Plainville	131
Plymouth	80
Pomfret	47
Portland	69
Preston	49
Prospect	91
Putnam	91
Redding	142
Ridgefield	289
Rocky Hill	182
Salem	49
Salisbury	33
Scotland	8
Seymour	124

Sharon	28
Shelton	456
Sherman	40
Simsbury	292
Somers	96
South Windsor	249
Southbury	331
Southington	249
Sprague	34
Stafford	85
Stamford	1,662
Sterling	36
Stonington	201
Stratford	813
Suffield	169
Thomaston	124
Thompson	71
Tolland	78
Torrington	407
Trumbull	302
Union	3
Vernon	292
Voluntown	35
Wallingford	441
Warren	31
Washington	40
Waterbury	1,300
Waterford	152
Watertown	202
West Hartford	723
West Haven	579
Westbrook	101
Weston	104
Westport	261
Wethersfield	201
Willington	44
Wilton	207
Winchester	136
Windham	232
Windsor	403
Windsor Locks	121
Wolcott	184
Woodbridge	67
Woodbury	81
Woodstock	93

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